Dear Bill, 9/17/95

That is great news about your daughter!

That your wife wants you to go ahead with your trip reflects that and perhaps also that she thinks you need a change.

But your letter of the 11th switches months. You say you'll fly to Dallas 10/18 and to Baltimore on 9/27. Because you planned your trip to coincide with the October ASK I presume you mean October, not September. On 9/24 a college professor will be here the afternoon for work. He is writing a book. You would not interfere with that and might enjoy hearing some of it.

One of the days you give for October, for part of ~~that~~ one day a good friend from out your way will be here and I think you'll want to meet him. He is going to the COPA meeting in Washington. He'll probably come here after that is over and then fly back to Frisco, where he lives. His name is Hal Verb and he is one of the very earliest critics. He also did by far the best ever p.r. work for me when I made my first trip there in 12/66. Last year a doctor from Sacremento and two other women also came briefly after COPA. One of those women researchers was from Oregon, the other from Florida. If they come I think you'll like to meet them, too. They stayed only about an hour last year. and they did not work in my files. We just chatted.

I suggest that you plan what you'll want to do when you are here. If you can read Whitewash I and Post Mortem before then and plan to do any work in the files that would help, you may want to make a list of what interests you most for going through the files. They are in the basement and Lil and I can no longer use the stairs. But remember for searching that I have two things arranged for convenience. One is a blue file folder on my desk. In it I keep what I think almost anyone will be interested in. It is near the copier and you are welcome to use that and copy what you want. In the basement I also have what I refer to as "subject" files. Those are duplicate copies arranged by name and subject. You can skim the folders and see if any of them is of interest and if so, copy what you want.

Hens teeth are more common than the 26. The stores specializing in such books no longer add to the list of those wanting them they keep. But Report reprints are available. Walden reprinted it identically, photographing the original pages and printing them that way.

Most of those who come here prefer to stay at The Red Horse motel. It is only 10 minutes away. 1-800-245-6701. It is right where the superhighway you'll use is or goes past it.

Lil and I are about as good as we can hope to be, thanks. She is having more trouble walking and staying on her feet but she is coming out of the attack of diverticulitis OK and slowly is recovering her apetite. We both tire easily. And remember the strange hours I keep and plan for your evenings because I must be abed by 6:00. It is now 2 a.m. Best to you all, Harold